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Cargo by her and by the Steamship

*Admiral* from New York, are hereby in-

formed that their Goods will be the

exception of Opium are being landed at

their risk into the Godowns of the Under-

signed, whence and/or from the Wharves

or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless

notice to the contrary be given before 5

p.m. To-day, the 7th March.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the

14th Instant will be subject to rent.

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Hongkong, March 7, 1882. m14

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tained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, un-

less notice to the contrary be given before

Noon To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods

remaining after the 13th Instant will be

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Hongkong, February 21, 1882.

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11th March, 1882,

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The Subscription List is now open at

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Tickets may be obtained of Messrs KELLY

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of the Performance.

Doors open at 8.30 p.m.; Performance to

commence at 9 p.m., sharp.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen

cannot be admitted.

A. HOFLOCH.



This morning the case of shooting, which occurred in the "Land We Live In" tavern, on Sunday afternoon last, again came up, but was remanded till Wednesday next, on account of the wounded man, Williams, being still unable to leave the Hospital. It is expected that he will be discharged from that institution on Monday. Mr. Oglewell, from the office of Messrs Brereton & Wotton, applied for the prisoners, Moller and Powers, to be admitted to bail, but owing to the gravity of the charge the Magistrate declined to grant the application.

We are not aware who is responsible for the sanitary condition of the road above the Albany to the Peak, but it requires immediate looking to. For some distance above the Albany the air is but little pleasant to the nostrils than that in the immediate neighbourhood of a latrine. This is not only very unpleasant, but is decidedly unhealthy, and we trust that the proper authorities will have this remedied. We direct their special attention to the big cutting a little way up the road, the odour from which is almost overpowering. All this offensive matter requires immediate removal; and disinfectants are not so costly that the Colony cannot afford to have them plentifully used.

Inspector Cameron, who has for six years past been stationed at Yan-mah Ti, and who, along with other members of the Police, proceeds home on leave in the *Santor* on Tuesday next, received a flattering mark of respect from some traders and others in that village yesterday afternoon. The testimonial he received took the form of a silver scroll with a laudatory inscription, and a handsome gold watch. A deputation of the subscribers, who numbered over 40, waited on him, and read over the address, which mentioned, among other things, the Inspector's bravery and meritorious behaviour during the typhoons of last year. Inspector Bremner, of Aberdeen, who also leaves for home on Tuesday, received a similar indication of the esteem he was held in by the shop-keepers, and traders there, by being presented with a finely decorated Chinese flag, and a pretty silver cup. These tokens of regard show the high appreciation in which these members of the Force are held.

The Troopship *Tyne*, under Commander J. E. Stokes, a. n., arrived from Singapore with the head-quarters of the second battalion of the 3rd Buffs, East Kent Regiment, numbering 12 officers, 318 non-commissioned officers and men, 14 women and 14 children. They were brought on shore between one and three o'clock this afternoon by lighters towed by one of the Naval Yard launches: three companies proceeding to the Victoria barracks, and the remainder to the McGregor barracks. The Band of the Inniskillings accompanied them to their quarters. The following are the names of the officers who arrived this morning:—Colonel H. Parnell, c. n., Major H. D. Harrison, Captain N. Newnham Davis, Lieutenants H. C. Somerset, Adjutant, (with Mrs. Somerset and family), Geo. H. Chippendale, V. Y. Bunbury, A. F. C. Johnston, H. H. D. Jarrett, Geo. Rippon, and G. V. Dalgleish, Paymaster A. W. H. Galtoun, (with Mrs. Galtoun and family), and Quarter-master W. M. Morgan. The *Tyne* also brought on Mr. Backhouse and family and Lieutenant Gaget, a. n. The head-quarters of the Royal Inniskillings, and about 150 time-expired and invalided men, are expected to depart with the *Tyne* on the 25th instant, the former going to Singapore, and the latter home.

A series of despatches, which were "laid on the table" at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 7th February, were circulated amongst members of Council on the 9th instant. We have not heard any explanation of the delay in placing these documents in the hands of members; but it is quite clear that the few pages covered by the despatches referred to might have been printed and sent round a month previously. That they were not placed in the hands of members until Governor Hennessy laid the Colony strikes one as a little peculiar; but when it is borne in mind that they contain passages which it must be unpleasant for a high official to publish regarding his own policy, their non-appearance is not so very unusual. Although it was formerly the invariable custom, under administrations previous to the present, to place the representatives of the press in possession of such documents, that course has been lately abandoned. In response to a personal application which we made for the usual copy of these printed documents, the Acting Colonial Secretary (Hon. W. M. Deane) was good enough to say that he saw no reason why a copy should not be sent to the newspapers, but that he would make inquiries. This afternoon, however, the following official letter was addressed to us, which throws much light upon the manner in which public business is now being transacted:—

No. 586.  
COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
HONGKONG, 11th March, 1882.  
Sir,—In reply to your application of 10th March, relative to the furnishing to you of certain despatches laid on the Council table, I have the honour, by direction of the Administrator, to say that His Excellency regards his inability to comply with your request.

# SIR JOHN POPE HENNESSY ON RELIGION IN CHINA.

The reports relating to Her Majesty's Colonial Possessions, 1879-80, laid before Parliament last year, include that upon Hongkong. The report is from the pen of Sir John Pope Hennessy, and it is needless to say, contains a *rechauffe* of a great portion of the misrepresentations and mis-statements which have been more or less exposed in these columns during the last few years. We give for the present the concluding section of that report, which is headed "Ecclesiastical and religious." Governor Hennessy writes regarding this subject under date of April 20th, 1881, as follows:—

The number of ecclesiastical and of religious institutions in Hongkong seems to be out of all proportion to the size and population of the Colony. At one time last year there were five Bishops here, and the number of priests and ministers of the various Christian denominations is extraordinary. At the time of the Queen's birthday I have seen an altar crowded with Italian, French, Spanish, and Chinese priests; this large religious element has done good to the Colony in various ways. St. Paul's College, which is under the control of the Bishop of Victoria, has been of great benefit to the Church of England community, and it was also distinguished at one time for the thoroughly sound education in English it gave to some Chinese youths. At present it is very useful in providing a good school for the children of the upper and middle classes of European Protestants.

The German Protestant Hospital and the Italian and French Convents at Hongkong have been the objects of the highest praise. But the religious life of Hongkong is essentially missionary. In fact, Hongkong is one of the most important centres of missionary work in the world. One ecclesiastical hero acts as the business agent of 18 missionary bishops in China and Japan. Putting aside the untold benefits conferred on local education, on local Christian churches, and on the one of society by the presence here of these missions, I cannot confirm what has been more than once recorded in the Blue Book Reports that have been printed for the information of Parliament, namely, that this Colony is producing a beneficial effect on the benighted population of the great Empire of China, and "jeopardizing the surrounding mass of ignorance and superstition." On the contrary, for many years past, Christianity has been declining in China, and at this moment, the total number of Christians is considerably less than the number that existed in the last century.

Writing from a spot where I have exceptional opportunities of knowing the facts, I must not conceal from Her Majesty's Government that this decline of Christianity is due not to a want of zeal on the part of the Christian missionaries themselves, but rather to the conditions under which they are willing to work. They proceed from this Colony into China supported by treaties, Consuls, and, if needed, by gunboats. The Chinese associate them with a system to which, whether rightly or wrongly, they object very much, the system of foreign intervention. A Chinese statesman who was visiting me said:—"The missionary enterprises that have their headquarters under your Government would be treated by us with the same friendly toleration that we accord to the Taoists and the Buddhists but for their constant appeals to what they call 'rights' but those treaty rights, though named by the late Emperor of the French and by the illustrious Lord Palmerston in the interests of true Christianity only, and not for any political object whatever, do not appear to us Chinese to be as severely elevated above worldly considerations as their religious-minded authors. A Chinese statesman who was visiting me said:—"The missionary enterprises that have their headquarters under your Government would be treated by us with the same friendly toleration that we accord to the Taoists and the Buddhists but for their constant appeals to what they call 'rights' but those treaty rights, though named by the late Emperor of the French and by the illustrious Lord Palmerston in the interests of true Christianity only, and not for any political object whatever, do not appear to us Chinese to be as severely elevated above worldly considerations as their religious-minded authors."

There are other causes also in operation in the social and commercial life of Hongkong that cannot have a very beneficial effect on the heathen population near us. In explaining why he did not send a son to be trained in Hongkong, one of the Canton merchants of the old Hong said to me, "Your Western progress which makes children so independent of their parents and substitutes individual and youthful energy for family ties and the influence of grey hairs may suit you, but we do not like it. Your commercial laws by which a trader can get rid of his debts without paying them are strange to us. We prefer the antiquated system by which debts must be paid in full, if not by the debtor himself, by his children or grand-children or other descendants."

My opinion was recently asked by Her Majesty's Government as to the expediency of augmenting the ecclesiastical grants which are paid to the Colonial Chaplain and sexton of the Church of England. I have reported in favour of maintaining them.

A certain number of the Government officials are members of the Church of England, and no doubt they accepted office expecting to receive gratuitous religious ministrations. The few Chinese who trouble themselves about such matters as this, are the Governor, Colonel and Mrs. Hennessy, and that Her Majesty is the Head of the Church of England, and that they therefore have no desire to see any discontinuance of the ecclesiastical grants.

## DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES AT ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils at St. Joseph's College took place at the Catholic Circle this afternoon (11th), in presence of a large assemblage of spectators. His Excellency the Administrator distributed the prizes, and amongst those present were the Hon. F. Snowden, Acting Chief Justice; the Hon. S. Barff; G. S. Northcott, Private Secretary to the Governor; Mr. Loureiro, Portuguese Consul; and Mrs. Loureiro, Father Burghignoli, Dr. Eitel, J. H. de Almeida, Mr. and Mrs. Fleming, and Mr. and Mrs. Newton.

Father Burghignoli said it was a usual custom on this occasion to give a report of the school; but he would limit himself to a few remarks. They knew that a new college was in course of erection, and they hoped that by the middle of the year it would be finished. They found themselves in that room not as a drawback, but simply as a temporary resort before they went to another place. By next year the new school would be ready to receive a number of children considerably larger than the one in

which they were met; which reminded him of what their school was like seven years ago. He recollected that the then Superior of the Christian Brothers assured him that there were nearly 200 boys in the school; there were now 256 boys. As to the efficiency of the teaching of the school, he had nothing to say as it was not for him to speak on that point. The teachers were the Christian Brothers, and their fame was widespread. Last year the instruction of the school had laboured under great disadvantages, owing to the school being kept in a state of shift from one place to another. Notwithstanding all disadvantages out of 163 boys who presented themselves for examination 158 passed, only 5 failing, showing a percentage of 97 per cent. During the year 24 boys left the school, and almost all found situations. In the new college it was under contemplation to have a school for those boys who had passed all the standards, so as to give them a higher education, and thus prepare them thoroughly for situations. Some of the boys only came during the year, and of course they could not attend the number of days required for the examination; others also could not attend for many reasons, so that an attendance of 200 days was not had work. It was found in Hongkong very difficult to get children to attend 200 days in the year, the climate in summer making it impossible for children to attend, and there was of course sickness to prevent attendance. If the number of days could be reduced certainly more boys could be presented without any danger to the instruction, because they could be put up and passed even although they did not attend so many days. The new school said he was asked by an authority the other day whether if the grant in aid was increased it would be possible to reduce the school fees, and his answer was that there was no necessity for reducing the fees, as no one had refused to attend school on account of the fees, and as a matter of fact, no school fees at all, and besides that books and stationery were given to them. Either books must be given or the boys did not attend, as they had no money to pay for them. They had also to give them shoes to come to school in (applause). Last year the Right Rev. Bishop spoke of the new school which was very properly called the barefooted school. That school was a greater success than had been expected. Last year the speaker had petitioned government to have a grant passed for that school, when it was suggested that it would be better to put it under the grant in aid. This suggestion was adopted, the school was examined, and they would soon see in the Gazette that that examination passed off very well. Not only was that school under the grant in aid scheme, but the other schools they had in the Colony were also under that scheme—the Chinese school they had in the Cathedral, the mixed school in Wanchai, and the school in the grant in aid scheme, and the examinations had passed off very well (applause). It was his duty to thank the Government for the liberal way in which the grant in aid had been administered. By receiving more money more good could be done. The money received from the grant in aid was soon exhausted. He had to thank His Excellency and the ladies and gentlemen present for their attendance and support, and would call upon His Excellency to distribute the prizes (applause).

His Excellency the Administrator said:—Father Burghignoli, ladies and gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to attend here to-day, at this anniversary meeting of the St. Joseph's College, for the purpose of distributing the prizes. It is a long time since I took an active part at a meeting of this description, and therefore if I am guilty of any shortcomings, I hope you will excuse me. The fact of the matter is that the last time I took part in an interesting ceremony like this, I was a pupil myself, and my place at the present time was filled by the worthy principal of the school, the head of the school to which I belonged. Time rolls away very quickly, and it hardly seems so, but it is nearly twenty-two years—within a few months—since I attended at the last prize giving at the school, and although I have not been present at similar interesting ceremonies since then, it has not been from any disinclination, but ever since I was at school I have taken a great interest in the school to which I belonged, and the cause of education. When the Rev. Father Burghignoli was kind enough to invite me to attend to-day, I thought it only right to make certain inquiries with regard to the result of the examination and how the school stood, having been in this Colony for nearly twenty years and I knew it when it was St. Xavier's school which as the Rev. Father has already said began in these rooms, and I also recollect the arrival of the Christian Brothers, and the removal of the school afterwards. I hope that the new school the foundation of which was laid by our Governor Sir John Pope Hennessy will be in a position to receive its pupils. The Christian Brothers were kind enough to favour me with a few facts with regard to the school, but these have already been mentioned by the Rev. Father who spoke before me, and therefore I will not trouble you further with them. The Government Inspector of schools to give me a few facts with regard to the boys' examination, and I think it will be interesting for you to have a few selections from them. They consist of statistics and figures, and these figures are hard facts which it is difficult to controvert, and I am happy to say that on this occasion as well as on others they have been extremely favourable to St. Joseph's College and exhibit the great pains which the Christian Brothers are always known to bestow, and the success which attends those under their charge (Applause). St. Joseph's College, as you know for the tuition of both Portuguese and Chinese pupils, and I find in comparing the year 1860 with 1881 that the percentage of passes gained amongst the Chinese last year are a trifle less than in 1880; but amongst the Portuguese boys the number who passed under the grant-in-aid was greatly in excess of the year before, out of 140 boys only four failed in more than one subject. With regard to the attendance of the boys, this was very satisfactory according to the report of the Inspector of Schools. He says that the numbers enrolled in 1880 was 288 and in 1881 291; but although there were fewer enrolled in 1881 than in 1880 the average daily attendance amongst the Chinese was 4.8 more than in 1881, and amongst the Portuguese, 21.33, which I think is highly satisfactory. I had a conversation with the Rev. Father when he called upon me the other day about the necessary attendance of 200 days, and it actually seems that there ought to be some alteration made. In comparing the

average number of attendances amongst two or three Schools in the Colony I find that in the St. Joseph's, Chinese division, there were 203 attendances on working days. St. Joseph's, Portuguese division, the same number, the Victoria School, 238; the Hongkong Public School, 280; and the Government Central School, 247. Therefore I think that St. Joseph's College with its 293 has done very well in passing so many of its pupils through the standard (Applause). These 200 days I found did not include Sundays, and it appears that on Sundays the majority of the pupils attend school for the purposes of instruction, and I think that if the matter is represented again to the Secretary of State, that on counting Sundays a great difference will be made in the amount of pupils passed. The Inspector, according to the rules of the present grant-in-aid scheme, is not allowed to examine those who do not come up to the standard of attendance, that is, they must have 200 attendances. I believe that those who have not been able to pass in the 200 days would have passed in the examination. I hope that by another year this thing will be altered, and that the school will see that with 203 as the maximum number of working days the boys must have attended very regularly to attain the standard of 200 days. St. Joseph's College has received from Government the following grants—for the year 1879-80 \$1389; for 1880 \$1422; and for 1881 \$1639. The Rev. Father said that with one exception all the schools are under the grant-in-aid. The only one is the school conducted by the French Sisters where the children are really so small that we could hardly expect them to undergo any examination. I think, ladies and gentlemen, that I can give you with regard to the school. They have been furnished by the Inspector of Schools, and he gave a highly satisfactory report of this school. 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